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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Friday Evening, February 10th.....8:15 P.M.

ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS

As seen in the play of that title by Robert E. Sherwood, in Carl Sandburg's "Abraham Lincoln, The Prairie Years," in Edwin Markham's Poem, and in Solomon Schechter's Essay.

The unique place of Abraham Lincoln in the hearts of the American people raises the question as to what men see in him that captures their imagination. Through four pictures of the martyr President—one a current play, the second a great biography, the third the tribute of a poet, and the fourth the judgment of a theologian, the abiding qualities of the greatest of all Americans can well be caught. On the eve of Lincoln's Birthday no theme could be more appropriate.

Saturday Morning, February 11th.....9:30 A.M.

Sermon—10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

Friday Evening, February 17th.....8:15 P.M.

Guest Lecturer: **DR. SHALOM SPIEGEL**

Professor of Hebrew Language and Literature at the Jewish Institute of Religion; author of "Hebrew Reborn."

Subject: **THE JOURNEYS OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL**

Dr. Spiegel is one of the most attractive of the scholarly personalities in contemporary Jewish life. A graduate of the University of Vienna and former instructor in Palestine, he is one of the most popular of the younger professors at the Jewish Institute of Religion. The congregation is urged to avail itself of this opportunity to make contact with a first-rate mind and a charming human being.

Saturday Morning, February 18th.....9:30 A.M.

Sermon—10:45 A.M.

The Junior Congregation—10:30 A.M.

Opening Session

Second Semester Adult Courses
Monday, February 13th

Register by mail or in person before class opens.

Reserve Saturday Evening, March 4th

Purim Service and Reading of the Megillah in the Synagogue

Dancing, Carnival, Games
Refreshments in the Vestry

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FROM OUR PULPIT

Our pulpit on Friday evening, January 27th, was occupied by Dr. Abram L. Sachar, National Director of the Hillel Foundation, who came to us as a guest of the Committee on Adult Education. Dr. Sachar took as his text an ancient Jewish legend which has it that when our ancestors were trapped between the pursuing Egyptians and the Red Sea, some advocated a return to bondage, others self-destruction in the sea, others wailing and crying, and still others constructive action. In a vivid, colorful and fascinating treatment Dr. Sachar analyzed the four modern analogues of these ancient attitudes. There is, he concluded, no returning to the bondage of the Ghetto, nor should there be self-destruction through race suicide. Weeping and wailing are most futile. The only dignified procedure for the contemporary Jewish group is constructive action, forthright self-defense, the effort to preserve democracy, and the evolvement of an adequate Jewish cultural and religious life. The audience followed Dr. Sachar with the keenest interest and left the Synagogue stimulated and inspired.

In his sermon of Friday evening, February 3rd, Rabbi Steinberg discussed the issue, "What's Wrong With Education?" He pointed out that education, once the classic hope of man, has unfortunately not realized the high expectations entertained for it. It has not brought into human affairs the tolerance and intelligence which were expected, but it has served as an ally and instrument of the forces of repression and tyranny. The failure of education, he argued, is due not alone to its techniques, to its tendency to be a discipline rather than a means of encouraging freedom of thought. It springs much more fundamentally from the fact that western education has been training in skills rather than an attempt to influence and mold character. Before our school system and universities can be what they should be, the whole purpose of the educational process must be remade to the end that through education men may be equipped with more than techniques, that they may be endowed with values and ideals. Our definition of the educated man must be transformed—not the literate man, but the literate man of sympathy and aspiration.

FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Junior Congregation Friday afternoon service—5 P.M.

Friday evening service, Feb. 10th—8:15 P.M.

Saturday morning service, Feb. 11th—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation—10:30 A. M.

Sunday School sessions, Feb. 12th—9:45 A.M.

Monday evening, Feb. 13th
Adult Classes
Choral Group

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 14th—1:30 P.M.
Sisterhood Board meeting

Thursday evening, Feb. 16th—8:30 P.M.
Men's Club Social Meeting.

Friday evening service, Feb. 17th—8:15 P.M.
Dr. Shalom Spiegel, Guest Preacher

Saturday morning service, Feb. 18th—9:30 A.M.
Junior Congregation—10:30 A. M.

Sunday School sessions, Feb. 19th—9:45 A.M.

Sunday morning, Feb. 19th—10:30 A.M.
Parents Group.

Sunday evening, Feb. 19th—8:30 P.M.
Young Folks League—open social and host to the Collegiate Division

Monday evening, Feb. 20th
Collegiate Division
Choral Group

Tuesday evening, Feb. 21st—8 P.M.
Dance of Coterie Clubs

FRIDAY NIGHT BELONGS TO THE SYNAGOGUE

PROGRAM OF THE MEN'S CLUB

A full and interesting program has been planned by the Men's Club. On Thursday evening, March 2nd, the Hon. William Harman Black, former Judge of the Supreme Court, and author of "If I Were a Jew," will speak. Members and friends of the congregation, both men and women, are welcome.

On April 6th the Hon. Leo R. Sack, American Minister to Costa Rica, will appear before the Club.

Other future activities include a dance in the Synagogue on Sunday evening, March 19th, and a Friday evening symposium conducted by the Men's Club on April 21st.

OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

A Message to the Members from
Mr. Frederick Finn, Chairman of the Board

Anti-Semitism is the opening gun for any Nazi drive. Unfortunately, it finds fertile ground everywhere because to the average non-Jew, we are strange people. Outsiders know little or nothing about our religious tenets and beliefs, which include the concepts of universal liberty, equality for all, the brotherhood of man, tolerance, good will and fair play toward Jew and Christian alike.

A better understanding of the Jew by the Christian world at large would make it very difficult indeed for insidious propaganda and calumny to spread in a free country such as ours. But it is not everyone who is able to talk for us. It needs trained minds and thorough knowledge. An intelligently trained rabbinate is our first line of defense, and the Jewish Theological Seminary is equipped to turn out men with the necessary qualifications. For their own sake and for their future safety, the Jews of New York must support this institution, which commands the respect of eminent Christians and Jews throughout the country.

A GAY PURIM IS PLANNED

The Purim celebration at the Park Avenue Synagogue, always a happy occasion, takes place this year on Saturday evening, March 4th and will be happier than ever. As has been the practice of our Synagogue in the past, various members of the congregation will participate at the evening service in the reading of the Megillah. The list of the readers will be published in a subsequent issue of The Scroll.

Following the formal service, the members of the congregation will adjourn to the Vestry Room. There they will be furnished with Purim masks. A fine orchestra will make dancing possible. There will be refreshments and group games. A merry evening is assured to all who attend. The admission charge is nominal and all members and friends are urged to plan to celebrate this joyous occasion in the Synagogue with their fellow-congregants.

THE YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

The Young Folks League held a regular business meeting, Tuesday, February 7th at 8:30 P.M. at which time Mr. Norman Marks, sponsor of the group was the speaker; topic chosen, "The Jew in Politics."

Sunday, February 19th the League will have an open social and at the same time act as hosts to the Collegiate Division of the Synagogue.

The gala dance held for the benefit of Refugees January 21st was a real success and the committee deserves a vote of thanks.

The League will take over the Friday night service, March 24th. The topic of discussion which will be in the form of a symposium is "Shall We Make Democracy Militant."

THE SCHOOL

Hebrew School.

Grade 2, the senior beginners' class, celebrated a Siyum Hasefer on Thursday, February 2nd, on the occasion of having completed their first text book. A grab bag party was held.

Sunday School.

The first semester of the Sunday School closed on February 5th, on which occasion reports of progress were sent to the parents of the pupils.

During the last two months of this semester the following pupils distinguished themselves by maintaining a perfect record of attendance and punctuality:

Mildred Amdur	Richard Osserman
Judith Arkin	Susan Peiper
Henry Baron	Howard Portnoy
Jay Louis Bloch	Miriam Portnoy
Robert C. Bloch	Donald Posner
Phyllis Brand	Richard Posner
Harvey Brandwein	Donald Prenowitz
Stephen Byrd	Henny Priester
Jean Cone	Robert Primoff
Yvette Davis	Neal Riesner
Ruth Drachsler	Ruth Rotholz
Lucille Filler	Phyllis Sack
Monte Ghertler	Ann Schakne
James Gladstone	Daniel Schechter
Robert Greenstein	Walter Scheinman
Sanford Hahn	Douglas Schwalbe
Charles Heilbronner	Harry Schwarz
Sidney Heller, Jr.	Judith Siegel
Jacob East. Holzman 2d	Norman Siegel
Frances Karmiol	Lionel Spring
Joseph Kastenholz	Alfred Stern
Peter Koch	Helene Stern
Elise Kraft	Richard Stern
John Krauskopf	Peter Stovin
Robert Kuhn	Ruth Suckno
Hortense Levy	Irwin Urband
Sally Liberman	Jacqueline Van Gelder
Shepard Lieberman	Shepard Van Gelder
Barbara Lifton	Robert Weinberg
Ruth Luebeck	Charles Weinberg
Julian Meltzer	Jerome Weinstein
Myron Mendel	Jewel Weiss
Dora Joan Millheiser	Robert Witte
Emma Newburger	Donald Wolf
Janice Newman	Patricia Wolf
Richard Nieman	Phyllis Wolin
Rosalind Oppenheim	Joel Zneimer
George Osserman	Doris Zolenge

On Sunday morning, February 12th, the Sunday School will celebrate Chamisha Osor Beshvat, Palestinian Arbor Day. The Junior Dramatic Club will present a play at the Junior Assembly and Class 6Y will direct the program of the Senior Assembly. The Sisterhood will distribute Palestinian fruits and candies at the celebration on this occasion.

The library of the Sunday School has developed quite a number of avid readers, particularly among the younger pupils of the school. However, the project is handicapped by the paucity of books for younger children and the lack of proper facilities for displaying the books. We therefore repeat our appeal for contributions of additional books or money and for a bookcase with glass doors that may be locked.

PLAYERS PRESENT BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE

On Sunday evening, February 5th, the Park Avenue Players delighted a large audience with its presentation of two Chassidic plays in English. The spectators were thrilled and amazed by the sets, the lighting and the smooth competence of the performance.

The first play, "The Tenth Man," portrayed a dramatic mystical scene in a Polish synagogue a century ago. Participating in the play were Lester Klein, Dr. Manuel Maslansky, Fenmore Seton, Jerome Klorfein, Manfred Rochelson, Nathaniel Hess, Martin Ostriker, Monroe S. Wexler, Nelson Zickerman, Fedor Medwin, Clara Ostriker, Harry Goode.

The second play, "The Seer Looks at his Bride," was a dramatization of an ancient Chassidic legend concerning a young rabbi who saw too clearly and too well. The actors were Lester Klein, Abby Morton, Monroe S. Wexler, Nathaniel Hess, Dr. Manuel Maslanky, Corinne Klorfein, Jerome Klorfein. Between the first and second act of "The Seer Looks at His Bride," an original Chassidic music and dance interlude was presented in which the following participated: Fay Wiener, Harriet Herwitz, Polly Primoff, Arthur Friedland, Rose Arkin, Grace Merlub, Martin Ostriker, Nelson Zickerman, Jacqueline Van Gelder, Betty Ann Marquith, Daisy Blau, Manfred Rochelson.

On the production staff the following served:

Stage Manager.....Leonard Brauman

Assisted by

Joseph J. Oppenheimer, Mortimer D. Millheiser, Monroe S. Wexler and Max Levy

Lights .....June Rosenthal

Properties .....Amy Putterman

Costumes .....Betty Steinthal

Make-Up .....Maurice Strassburg

Courtesy of the Yiddish Art Theatre

Prompter .....Sue Shapiro

The performance was directed by Clara L. Ostriker, assisted by Edith Steinberg.

Through its Chairman, Mr. Nathaniel Hess, and his Co-chairman, Mrs. Sue Shapiro, the Players Group announced the possibility of a repeat performance of the program at some date to be set in the fairly immediate future. The Players Group hopes to complete its program for this year with a musical in the spring. Persons interested in acting or in stagecraft are invited to communicate with either of the co-chairmen in care of the Park Avenue Synagogue.

GALA DANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Coterie Clubs are looking forward eagerly to their first combined social affair—the dance and entertainment on the eve of Washington's Birthday, Feb. 21st. The admission price is 35 cents and all young people of high school age are cordially invited to join in an enjoyable evening in the Vestry and at the same time help the cause of refugee students, to whom the proceeds are to be donated.

The next meeting of the Coterie Club will take place on Sunday afternoon, February 12th at the home of Louis Heller. Rabbi Steinberg will be present to address the group.

SISTERHOOD NOTES

It was indeed gratifying to our President, Irma Heller, to welcome so many members and friends to the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 24th. We sincerely hope that at each succeeding meeting we will greet even more old friends and have the added joy of welcoming new ones.

!! LAST CALL !!

If you want to enjoy an afternoon of good fellowship, be sure to send in your $5.12 for the Mile of Pennies to Mrs. Carrie Manheimer, 181 East 93rd Street. This sum entitles you to a fine luncheon and bridge on Wednesday, February 15th, at the Belmont Plaza Hotel. Please make your reservations **immediately** through Mrs. Manheimer.

The Sisterhood will meet next on Tuesday afternoon, February 28th. Details of the program will be given in the next issue of The Scroll.

ADULT CLASSES CLOSE AND REOPEN

On Monday evening, January 30th, the Committee on Adult Education brought to a close its first semester. Despite the inclement weather a very large number of students were in attendance in all classes. In the lecture course Rabbi Steinberg concluded the series on "The Problems of the Religious Life" and summarized the entire course. Virtually every student present registered for the next semester, a splendid tribute to the meaningfulness of the courses in the past.

On Monday evening, February 13th, the second semester will be opened, offering a Seminar on the Bible, courses in Elementary and Intermediate Hebrew, a Choral Group, and a major lecture course on "The Social Problems of the Jewish Group." The members and friends of the congregation have already been informed in detail of the spring educational program through the last issue of The Scroll. They are urged to send their registration by mail as promptly as possible, but if they fail to do so, they may still register on Monday evening, February 13th. The next lecture course treating as it does with the most vexing issue in contemporary Jewish living should not be missed by any person interested in a purposeful Judaism.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

To Mrs. Nathan L. Caro and Mrs. Hattie Sommers, the sympathies of the congregation on the passing of their mother, Mrs. Millie Barnett.

To Mrs. Louis Daub and Mr. Monroe Daub, our condolences on the passing of Mr. Louis Daub.

To Mrs. Leo Eppsteiner, best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery.